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BOOK REVIEWS.

ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE LAWYER. By Gleason L. Archer, LL.B. Boston: Little, Brown, and Company, 1910, pp. 367.

The real scope of this book is not indicated by its title. Even the statement of the author in the preface that, "This volume enters into every question of professional deportment that can ordinarily confront the lawyer," does not cover all the subjects discussed. Not an inconsiderable portion of the book is devoted to giving advice and suggestions to young lawyers particularly with reference to preparation for entering the profession, choice of location, situation of office and furnishing same, proper clothing to be worn and even a word or two as to the opening and closing of the office door and windows and the regulation of the air supply.

Perhaps not all of the readers will agree with the author as to the propriety of some of the advice. For instance on page 53 it is said: "If the occupant's library is small, he should arrange what books he has in the most imposing array possible. * * * Shelf fillers are quite as serviceable when the object is to fill up shelf space. Legislative reports, and especially the annuals containing the newly enacted statutes can be procured at a slight expense or in many cases free of charge. All such may properly be found in a lawyer's library. *Law books are all alike to the ordinary client, so far as his estimate of value is concerned.*" [Italics ours.] This would seem rather out of place in a book bearing the above title.

The foregoing, however, is exceptional. In the main the advice is good, and the treatment of many of the troublesome problems of legal ethics is excellent. The author frequently refers to and quotes from the American Bar Association Canons of Ethics and Hoffman's Fifty Resolutions in regard to Professional Deportment, which are printed in full in the Appendix. In the Appendix there is also found a schedule of minimum legal fees, which may or may not be found helpful.

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THE EARLY COURTS OF PENNSYLVANIA. By William H. Loyd, of the Philadelphia Bar; Gowen Fellow in the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania. Boston: The Boston Book Company, 1910, pp. viii, 281.

This is the second volume of the University of Pennsylvania Law School Series, a series of works on legal subjects, prepared by members of the faculty, fellows, and graduate students in the Law School, and published by authority of the faculty.

Mr. Loyd has made a careful examination of the historical material at his command, and has produced a very readable (one might almost say entertaining) account of the genesis and growth of the peculiar judicial system which now exists in Pennsylvania. Perhaps the most interesting chapter is that devoted to the discussion of "Equity in Pennsylvania." In view of the